



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-653-A)**

In re Application of:)	
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Chad A. Mirkin, et al.)	Examiner: J. Riley
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Serial No. 09/927,777)	Group Art Unit: 1637
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Filed: August 10,2001)	Confirmation No. 6145
)	
For: NanoparticlesHaving)	
Oligonucleotides Attached)	
There to and Uses Therefor)	

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action of October 9, 2003. The Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I (claims 572-574) without traverse.

Prompt consideration and entry of this response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 5, 2003

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Nanoparticles in an Electric Field)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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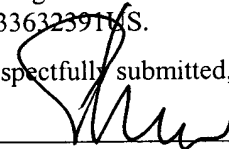
Sir:

In regard to the above identified application.

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to Office Action dated October 9, 2003
 - b) Return Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed
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Date: 11/5/03

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